COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PENNZOIL UNITED, INC. FOR A SPACING ORDER AND FOR APPROVAL OF DRILLING UNITS IN THE ONONDAGA CHERT-ORISKANY GAS POOL DISCOVERED BY THE CANTERBURY COAL WELL, KISKIMINETAS TOWNSHIP ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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APPEARANCES

At the Hearing held January 13, 1971, and the continuance thereof held January 15, 1971, Louis Emanuel, Attorney, on behalf of Pennzoil United, Inc., the Applicant; Glenn C. McQuate and Thomas H. Richards, on behalf of Westrans Petroleum, Inc.; Leroy F. Perry, Attorney, on behalf of Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation; and Raymond W. Cromer, Attorney, on behalf of Canterbury Coal Company.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

1. December 23, 1970, an application was filed in the office of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Department of Mines and Mineral Industries, by Pennzoil United, Inc., Vienna, West Virginia, for a spacing order to cover 10 square miles in the pool discovered by the Canterbury Coal Company Well No. 1, Drilling Permit No. AFM-1272, completed December 11, 1970, by the Applicant, production having been obtained in the Onondaga Chert-Oriskany Formations, and for approval of a drilling unit on which the discovery well is located, and an additional drilling unit to the south.

- 2. December 28, 1970, notification was sent to those parties known to be interested in the area proposed to be spaced and to those who had indicated to the Commission that they wished to be notified of any hearings that may affect lands in the area that a hearing would be held January 13, 1971, at 2:00 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, in Room 514, State Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to consider the application. The same notification was published December 29, 1970, in the Leader Times, Kittanning, Pennsylvania, a daily newspaper in general circulation in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The same notification was published January 5, 1971, in the same newspaper.
- 3. January 5, 1971, the Applicant filed a map covering the 10 square miles proposed to be made subject to spacing order control on which 10 units were outlined in red, each containing approximately 640 acres, together with an index list showing leasehold owner acreage in each lease and the name and address of the royalty owners.
- 4. January 12, 1971, a letter dated January 12, 1971, was filed with the Commission by Canterbury Coal Company, Avonmore, Pennsylvania, requesting a continuance of the hearing to be held in these proceedings.
- 5. January 13, 1971, the place for holding the hearing was changed to provide a more suitable hearing room for the purpose to the Public Utility Commission Hearing Room, 1212 State Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a notice of the change was posted at the place originally advertised and a receptionist stationed there to advise any who appeared of the change. The Hearing was held in The Public Utility Commission Hearing Room at the time indicated, and the Commission heard the testimony of Thomas F. Head, Division Exploration Manager, and Malcom H. O'Brian, Geologist, Pennzoil United, Inc. The Hearing was then continued until 10:30 A. M., January 15, 1971, in the aforesaid Public Utility Commission Hearing Room.

6. January 15, 1971, a continuance of the hearing was held at the time and place hereinabove indicated, and Louis Emanuel, Attorney for the Applicant,

informed the Commission that Pennzoil United, Inc. had decided to withdraw

its application in these proceedings.

7. At the hearing January 15, 1971, the Commission approved the withdrawal of

the application of Pennzoil United, Inc., and the termination of Spacing

Order Docket No. 11 was unaminously approved, a quorum having been present

for the purpose.

ORDER

ACCORDINGLY, THE COMMISSION DOES ORDER THAT:

Due to the desire of Applicant that the application be withdrawn, as announced by its Attorney at the continuance of the hearing held January 15, 1971, concerning Spacing Order Docket No. 11, the withdrawal of the said application is hereby approved, and Spacing Order Docket No. 11 is hereby cleared, without prejudice.

By the Commission

Harold F. Magner

Dated: January 15, 1971